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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	Before the Examiner:
Vincent C. Conzola	:	Daniel A. Hess
Serial No.: 10/776,112	:	Group Art Unit: 2876
Filing Date: February 11, 2004	:	Intellectual Property Law
Title: PRODUCT CHECKOUT SYSTEM	:	IBM Corporation
WITH ANTI-THEFT DEVICE	:	3039 Cornwallis Road
	:	Research Triangle, NC 27709

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

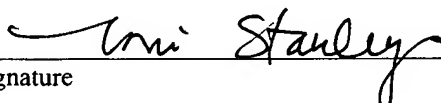
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 5, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 5, 2005, and extended to February 5, 2005 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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